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15. In the event the information cannot be supplied within the required time, the responding party shall notify the requesting party as soon as reasonably possible in advance of the deadline of the reasons for not being able to supply the information and to work out a schedule of compliance with the requesting party. All disputes concerning the reasonableness of discovery requests and the timing and sufficiency of responses shall be resolved by the Administrative Law Judge upon motion of a party. Notice of such a motion should be made by e-mail if possible and may be heard by telephone conference among the Administrative Law Judge and affected parties.

16. Parties asked to provide information they deem confidential or nonpublic may request that the Administrative Law Judge issue a Protective Order.

17. Further discovery may be had in accordance with Minn. R. 1400.6700 - 1400.6900 by agreement of the parties or by motion to the Administrative Law Judge.

PREFILED TESTIMONY AND ORDER OF TESTIMONY

18. Prefiled testimony shall be designated and received as hearing exhibits. The sponsoring party will provide the unique E-file system identifying number of the prefiled document and the Administrative Law Judge will assign a hearing exhibit number to that document. Prefiled testimony that is amended or that is not offered into the record shall be considered withdrawn and the sponsoring witness may not be cross-examined concerning the withdrawn testimony. Except for cause shown, all substantive revisions or corrections to any prefiled testimony shall be filed with the Administrative Law Judge and served on the parties no later than three days before the evidentiary hearing starts. E-mail may be used to accomplish this service in an expeditious fashion (where e-mail addresses are available). When E-filing cannot be completed prior to the hearing, a hearing exhibit number will be reserved for that testimony and

